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Greetings:

I am OPPOSED to the proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust trial. I feel that the current proposed settlement neither fully redresses the actions committed by Microsoft in the past, nor inhibit their ability to commit similar actions in the future.

The vast majority of the provisions within the settlement seem to only formalize the status quo. Of the remaining provisions, none will effectively prohibit Microsoft from abusing its current monopoly position in the operating system market. This is especially troublesome in view of the seriousness of Microsoft's past transgressions.

Most important, the proposed settlement does NOTHING to correct Microsoft's previous actions. There are NO provisions that correct or redress their previous abuses. They only prohibit the FUTURE repetition of those abuses.

This, in my opinion, goes against the very foundation of our criminal justice system.

If a person or organization is able to commit illegal acts, benefit from those acts and then receive as a "punishment" instructions that they cannot commit those acts again, they have still benefited from their illegal acts. That is NOT justice, not for the victims of their abuses and not for the American people in general.

While the Court's desire that a settlement be reached is well-intentioned, it is wrong to reach an unjust settlement just for settlement's sake. A wrong that is not corrected is compounded and, if the Court is perceived to be wrong, then faith in the Court as the instrument of justice is diminished.

Sincerely,

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